Dercservation of leather goods

3687. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several leather products, at present reserved for exclusive production in the Small Scale Sector have been thrown open by Government to large industries and even foreign companies with a view to increasing exports; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.J KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Filling up of vacant posts reserved for SC/ ST in PSU

3688. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes particularly in Group A & B posts to be filled up in different Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the reasons for not tilling up the vacancies so far;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fill up these vacancies; and

(d) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) 4428 vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and. Scheduled Tribes were lying vacant in Group A and Group D posts in various Public Sector Undertakings as on 31.3.91. 3452 reserved vacancies have already been filled in as on 30.9.92. The Process of recruitment is still continuing. The Public Sector Undertakings have been advised from time to time to make vigorous efforts to fill up the backlog vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Various steps have been taken to ensure proper representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Public Sector Undertakings, such as relaxation in age limit, concessions in examination fees, reimbursement of travelling expenses for attending interviews, separate interview for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, pre-recruitment training, inclusion of a member belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in DPC/Selection Committee etc. Dereservation of reserved vacancies in direct recruitment has been banned *w.e.f.* 1st April, 1989 in Public Sector Undertakings.

खादी और ग्राम उद्योग आयोग के कर्मचारियों के लिए वेतन आयोग

3689. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) खादी और ग्राम उद्योग आयोग में घपलेबाजी को रोकने तथा इसके कर्मचारियों के वेतनमानों और सेवा-शर्तों में सुधार के लिए सरकार द्वारा पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान गठित किए गए आयोगों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन आयोगों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए प्रतिवेदनों की प्रमुख बातें क्या हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इन सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित न किए जाने के कारण क्या हैं?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री० जे० कुरियन): (क) सरकार ने खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग